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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" How many times in a year these Vanamahotsavams are celebrated? Also what is the amount spent on the celebrations and what is the amount spent on actual planting of trees? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Vanamahotsavam is celebrated only once a year and the sum of Rs. 8,197 mentioned by me in my answer was spent only for planting of trees. There has been no expenditure on any Utsavam as such. The hon. Member need not be under any misapprehension that a festival is celebrated. Only the name Utsava is given and no festival is celebrated."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Is it not a fact that every year trees are planted in the compounds of Government offices and in the same pits? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" If the hon. Member gives me that information, I take it and I shall enquire how far the information is correct."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" இந்த 40 லட்சம் மரக் கன்றுகள் எங்கே இருந்து தருவிக்கப்படுகின்றன."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Departments of Forests and Agriculture have their own nurseries and from these, the seedlings are distributed."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" வன மகோத்சவம் என்ற வார்த்தைக்கு தமிழ் வார்த்தை கிடைக்கவில்லையா ? தமிழ் வார்த்தைகளைப் போடுவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I can claim that ' Vanamahotsava ' is a Tamil word. We, Tamilians, adopt so many similar words and it is not right that we should coin some new word which cannot be understood by several Tamilians."

Repairs to the tank of Mel Arungunam, Gingee taluk.

* 329 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state when the last repair to the tank of Mel Arungunam, Gingee firka, Gingee taluk, South Arcot district, was done?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER : " The tank was repaired during 1931–32."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" ஏன் 20 ஆண்டுகளாக அந்த ஏரி ஒழுங்காக இருக்கிறதா இல்லையா என்று அரசாங்கம் கவனிக்கவில்லை ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The tank is all right and needs no repair. The bund and everything else are all right except that the sluice alone is leaky. (Laughter.) Attempts were made to attend to this

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but we could not proceed with the repair since the tank was full. It is even now full and repair can only be done after the water level goes down."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" பத்து ஆண்டுகளாக அந்த ஏரிக்கு ரிப்பேர் செய்யவேண்டும் என்று கிராமத்தார்களிடமிருந்து மக்ஜர் வந்திருந்தும் ஏன் அதை அரசாங்கம் கவனிக்கவில்லை ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I have already said that the bund is intact. It does not require repair."

Grants to the Voorhees College, Vellore.

* 330 *Q.*—SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY (on behalf of Sri V. K. Kannan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether any grants are paid to the Voorhees College, Vellore, North Arcot, and if so, what amount?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. The amount of grant paid for 1952–53 was as follows :—

		RS.
(1) Teaching	... ...	18,228
(2) Equipment	... ...	10,000 "

Gruel centres in Chingleput district.

* 331 *Q.*—SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the number of gruel centres which are now in existence in the district of Chingleput and in what places they are working?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No gruel centre is now functioning in the Chingleput district."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" When there are gruel centres opened in Madras City, may I know why there are no gruel centres in Chingleput which is in the neighbourhood of Madras City? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Agricultural conditions have improved in Chingleput district. As far as the Madras City is concerned, gruel centres are necessitated more by the influx of population from districts like Chingleput also."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Are we to understand that there are no unemployed persons who are starving now in Chingleput? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" There may be some unemployed persons. But as to the question of starvation, I will not take the proposition from the hon. Member."